GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2745
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Purchasing of Agricultural Tools
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural tools purchased by farmers from the shops and organizations, which are being provided subsidy by the Government are costlier as compared to the other shops in the open market;

(b) if so, whether such an incident has come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) whether there is any provision to transfer the subsidy on agricultural tools directly into the account of the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare does not control or regulate the prices of Agricultural Machinery and Equipments. Whereas to promote farm mechanization in the country this Department is providing financial assistance to farmers through State Governments for procurement of various agricultural machinery and equipments under Sub Mission of Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) wherein complete freedom to beneficiary is provided for selection of agricultural machinery and equipment as per his/her choice.

(b) & (c): There is no any specific incidents had came to the notice of this department , however instructions in this regard have been issued time to time to the State Governments to provide complete freedom to beneficiary for selection of agricultural machinery and equipment as per his/her choice.

(d): The instructions are already given to all State Governments by this Department for transfer of farm mechanization subsidy directly into the account of the farmers. Some of the States have already started this practice. The Sub Mission of Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) scheme will be on board of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) w.e.f. 30th September 2017.
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